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In re Appln. of: Van Gompel et al.

Appln. No.: 10/624,333

Filed: July 22, 2003

For: DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENT HAVING
A SLIT AND METHOD FOR THE
MANUFACTURE THEREOF

Attorney Docket No: 659-1095 (K-C Ref. 18945)

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 3761

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- ☒ Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- ☒ Form PTO 1449.
- ☒ Copy of one (1) cited reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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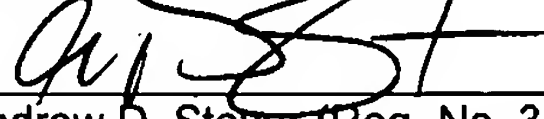
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Respectfully submitted,



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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
60-194947	10/1985	JAPAN

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of the listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As the listed reference is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

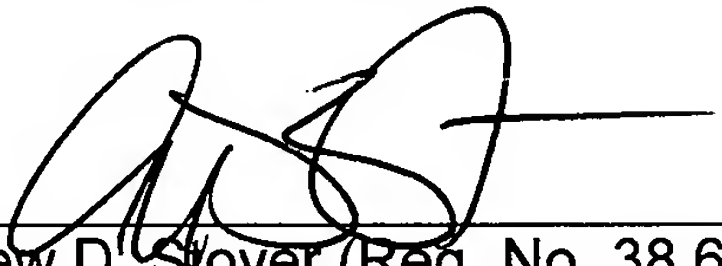
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